## Please reply to Perth office

Our Ref:

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November 22, 2001

Mrs E A Winby 4 Lovegrove Close Mt Claremont WA 60101

Dear Mrs Winby,

Re:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/831,579

Entitled "BIOOXIDATION PROCESS AND APPARATUS" and U.S. Patent Application Corresponding to PCT/AU99/00442

(Docket Number 1037BP-2) Entitled "AN IMPROVED METHOD FOR HEAP

LEACHING OF CHALCOPYRITE"

We advise that we have filed national phase patent applications in the USA, Canada, South Africa, Spain, Portugal, China, Mexico, describing and claiming the inventions which are the subject of International Applications PCT/AU00/00442 and PCT/AU00/00917 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) describing inventions invented by Mr Richard Winby during his employment with Bactech Australia Pty Ltd (previously Bactech Australia Ltd).

Copies of these applications (including specification, claims and drawings) are enclosed herewith. As the Executor of Mr Winby's estate, you may make the Declarations required for further processing of these patent applications in the United States. In order to complete the final requirements for these applications due shortly, we request that you execute the enclosed Declarations and return them to us within 14 days from the date of this letter.

When you have signed the Declarations, please return them in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided. We will them attend to forwarding the executed documents to our respective associates for filing in the US Patent Office.

Yours faithfully, WATERMARK

Richard H. Baddeley

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